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10 July 1978

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION: STONER/MEHURON

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME (U)

1. (S/NOFORN) On 7 July 1978, I met with Dr. W. O. Mehuron, the Deputy Director for Naval Intelligence R&D. I was specifically interested in learning about Navy's past and present (if any) involvement with Parapsychology.
2. (S/NOFORN) Dr. Mehuron stated that up until about 1975, the Navy had an active program going to explore Parapsychology as it might apply to "submarines." The program was dropped because of the potential for adverse publicity revealing the US Navy wasting scarce resources on ethereal ventures like Parapsychology.
3. (S/NOFORN) Although the Navy has nothing going at this time, they may be "interested" in conducting some experiments that are specifically designed to satisfy their peculiar needs (i.e., submarines). These would be along the lines of AMSAA's requirement to detect equipment movement. The Navy would not be particularly interested in any work that does not have a reasonable chance of applicability; that is, not too interested in the Basic research part of Parapsychology.
4. (S/NOFORN) The Navy would very much like to be kept apprised of what other Services are doing in this field. Dr. Mehuron said that Rear Admiral Harvey, Director of Naval Intelligence, would probably like to attend any future planning conference, and would most certainly like to witness a demonstration of the phenomena, if one can be arranged.
5. (S/NOFORN) Dr. Mehuron said that the natural body to pull any Parapsychology R&D program together is the IRDC (Intelligence Research and Development Council).
5. (C/NOFORN) Dr. Mehuron said that it would be several weeks before his office could gather up all the documents that tell what Navy's prior experiments/results were. Dr. Mehuron recently stumbled on to this subject when he attended a senior DOD manager's course with Dr. (FNU) Kramar, Deputy Director of AMSAA, and individual knowledgeable of GRILL FLAME. Dr. Mehuron agreed to postpone a tentative meeting with Dr. Kramar until such time as it becomes clear what exact course the Army and DIA will take with regard to Parapsychology R&D.

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MEMO OF CONVERSATION: STONER/PARKER

1. (C/NOFORN) On this date I asked COL PARKER for permission to speak with the Navy's Director of Technical Intelligence, Dr Mehuron (55878), reference GRILL FLAME. COL PARKER gave the go ahead.

2. (S/NOFORN) DR MEHURON's name came up today when COL DEPROSPERO (AMSAA) called to tell me that his principal Action Officer on GRILL FLAME, Mr CRAMER, had recently attended a course with MEHURON. It seems that the two of them, CRAMER and MEHURON, got into discussions of Parapsychology and MEHURON said that the Navy was still interested. DEPROSPERO recommended that OACSI bring Navy into the picture.

3. (S/NOFORN) COL PARKER went on to back brief me on a meeting he recently had with DR LABERGE on the subject. At the meeting, he also spoke with Ruth DAVIS. According to COL PARKER, there is some difference between what the ACSI heard and DAVIS heard, at the 23 June meeting with VORONA and LTG TIGHE.

4. (S/NOFORN) DR LABERGE said that he would be happy to sit on any Parapsychology oversight board, and invited DAVIS to attend an experiment with him in Dayton later this summer.

5. (S/NOFORN) COL PARKER went back to a previous meeting of 23 June, at which time VORONA said that Congressman ROSE has agreed to sign some sort of letter that DOD could pull out and use in a contingency situation. TASKER: Find out from DR VORONA what this letter should contain, when should it be written, etc. DAVIS thinks that ACSI/TIGHE should write it.

6. (S/NOFORN) LTG TIGHE is not fully supportive, or at least enthusiastic, about the military jumping in on Parapsychology R&D. He would rather we become involved with countering the Soviet threat in this regard.

7. (S/NOFORN) DAVIS said that SRI has its own oversight group to insure valid testing is done by Targ and Puthoff. COL PARKER did not give the names (if he knew), but said that DAVIS indicated that she had been called by two people from Stanford. One fully supported the Parapsychology effort without reservation; the other thinks that it is a "crock." Two of the SRI oversight members are Max Voiard, and Dr CHESTNUT.

8. (C/NOFORN) COL PARKER had one more tasker: Discreetly find out if LTG TIGHE has the authority to veto any R&D work we may want to do in regard to GRILL FLAME -- or any other area for that matter.

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